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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (new) A tool for facilitating implementation of a capsulotomy procedure, comprising:

a marking component configurable to a desired shape and size corresponding to a desired capsulorhexis; and

a delivery mechanism for delivering the marking component to an eye lens capsule, wherein the delivery mechanism is operable for insertion into an anterior chamber of the eye; and

wherein the marking component is operable to make a mark on the lens capsule, thereby providing a point of reference for performing the capsulotomy procedure.

6. (new) The tool of claim 5 wherein the marking component is configurable to form a loop which substantially matches the size and shape of the desired capsulorhexis.

7. (new) The tool of claim 5 wherein the marking component includes a dye material for marking the lens capsule.

8. (new) The tool of claim 5 wherein the marking component is composed of a deformable and malleable material.

9. (new) The tool of claim 5 wherein the marking component is composed of an autoclaveable material.

10. (new) The tool of claim 5 wherein the delivery mechanism further comprises a marking component retraction/extension mechanism for enabling the marking component to be retracted and/or extended

11. (new) The tool of claim 5:
wherein the delivery mechanism further comprises a marking component retraction/extension mechanism for enabling the marking component to be retracted and/or extended; and
wherein the retraction/extension mechanism is a plunger-type mechanism.

12. (new) The tool of claim 5:
wherein the delivery mechanism further comprises a marking component retraction/extension mechanism for enabling the marking component to be retracted and/or extended; and
wherein the retraction/extension mechanism is a screw-type mechanism.

13. (new) The tool of claim 5:
wherein the delivery mechanism includes a hollow tube; and
wherein the marking component is operable for retraction into the hollow tube, and is operable for extension from the hollow tube.

14. (new) The tool of claim 5 wherein the marking component is a template forming a continuous loop.

15. (new) The tool of claim 5 wherein the marking component is made from a shape-memory material.

16. (new) A method for facilitating implementation of a capsulotomy procedure, comprising:
configuring a marking component to correspond to a shape and size of a desired capsulorhexis;
inserting the configured marking component into an anterior chamber of an eye; and
creating a mark on the lens capsule at a desired location using the marking component, the mark providing a point of reference for performing the capsulotomy procedure.

17. (new) The method of claim 16 wherein the mark substantially matches the size and shape of the desired capsulorhexis.

18. (new) A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising:
utilizing a delivery mechanism to insert the configured marking component into the anterior chamber.

19. (new) A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising:
utilizing the mark as a guide for making an incision on the lens capsule.

20. (new) A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising applying a dye to the marking component before inserting into the anterior chamber.

21. (new) A method for facilitating implementation of a capsulotomy procedure comprising creating, using a marking component, a mark directly on a lens capsule of an eye at a desired location, the mark serving as a guide for performing the capsulotomy procedure.

22. (new) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
applying, using the marking component, a dye directly on a surface of the lens capsule to form said mark.